

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

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Claim 6 (Currently Amended)      A processing plant for handling combustible fluids, comprising:  
    a processing section operable to process combustible fluids;  
    a gas valve connected with said processing section operable to relieve gas pressure from said  
processing section by conducting surplus or residual gas from said processing section;  
    a collection line connected with said gas valve, said gas valve being operable to conduct the  
gas from said processing section to said collection line;  
    at least one low-pressure store, said collection line being connected to said at least one low-  
pressure store such that the gas from said processing section is conducted to said at least one low-  
pressure store; and  
    at least one second line connected to said at least one low-pressure store operable to conduct  
fluid from said at least one low-pressure store;  
    The processing plant of claim 5; wherein:  
    said processing section is operable to separate gaseous hydrocarbons from oil; and  
    said at least one low-pressure store comprises a crude oil store upstream of said processing  
section.

- Claim 7 (Canceled)

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended)      A processing plant for handling combustible fluids, comprising:  
    a processing section operable to process combustible fluids;  
    a gas valve connected with said processing section operable to relieve gas pressure from said  
processing section by conducting surplus or residual gas from said processing section;  
    a collection line connected with said gas valve, said gas valve being operable to conduct the  
gas from said processing section to said collection line;

at least one low-pressure store, said collection line being connected to said at least one low-pressure store such that the gas from said processing section is conducted to said at least one low-pressure store; and

at least one second line connected to said at least one low-pressure store operable to conduct fluid from said at least one low-pressure store;

The processing plant of claim 5, wherein said at least one low-pressure store comprises a raw product store upstream of said processing section, said raw product store includes a gas area, and said at least one second line comprises a return line connected between said gas area and said processing section and a raw product line between said at least one low-pressure store and said processing section, such that any condensed gas and liquid from fluid added to said at least one low-pressure store through said collection line can be returned to said processing section.

<sup>3</sup>  
Claim <sup>9</sup> (Previously Presented)

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The processing plant of claim 8, wherein a fan or compressor is provided in said return line.

<sup>4</sup>  
Claim 10 (Currently Amended)

A processing plant for handling combustible fluids, comprising:

a processing section operable to process combustible fluids;

a gas valve connected with said processing section operable to relieve gas pressure from said processing section by conducting surplus or residual gas from said processing section;

a collection line connected with said gas valve, said gas valve being operable to conduct the gas from said processing section to said collection line;

at least one low-pressure store, said collection line being connected to said at least one low-pressure store such that the gas from said processing section is conducted to said at least one low-pressure store; and

at least one second line connected to said at least one low-pressure store operable to conduct fluid from said at least one low-pressure store;

The processing plant of claim 5, wherein said collection line is not connected with a flare tower.

Claims 11-13 (Canceled)

<sup>5</sup>  
Claim ~~14~~ (Currently Amended)      A processing method for handling combustible fluids,  
comprising:

processing combustible fluids in a processing section;

relieving gas pressure from said processing section by conducting surplus or residual gas from  
said processing section using a gas valve connected with said processing section;

conducting the gas from said processing section to a collection line connected with said gas  
valve;

conducting the gas from said processing section to at least one low-pressure store with the  
collection line, the collection line also being connected to said at least one low-pressure store; and

conducting fluid from said at least one low-pressure store with at least one second line  
connected to said at least one low-pressure store;

The processing method of claim ~~11~~, wherein said at least one low-pressure store comprises a raw product store upstream of said processing section, said raw product store includes a gas area, and said at least one second line comprises a return line connected between said gas area and said processing section and a raw product line between said at least one low-pressure store and said processing section, and further comprising returning any condensed gas and liquid from fluid added to said at least one low-pressure store through said collection line to said processing section.

<sup>6</sup>  
Claim ~~15~~ (Previously Presented)      The processing method of claim ~~14~~,<sup>5</sup> wherein a fan or compressor is provided in said return line.

<sup>7</sup>  
Claim ~~16~~ (Previously Presented)      The processing method of claim ~~14~~,<sup>5</sup> wherein said collection line is not connected with a flare tower.